December 17, 1981 FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

A3350-1

ASSOCIATION OF HOME APPLIANCE MANUFACTURERS
20 NORTH WACKER DRIVE • CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60606
312-984-5800
FEDERAL RELATIONS: 1901 L STREET, N. W.
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20036; 202-466-3350

AHAM

MAJOR APPLIANCE SHIPMENTS

DROP IN NOVEMBER

CHICAGO -- Major appliance shipments declined 17% in November compared to a year ago, according to a report released today by the Association of Home Appliance Manufacturers (AHAM). Shipments in the month totalled 1.9 million products.

The only product class to register a gain was microwave ovens with an increase of 9%. Unit shipments of other products dropped from 15% to 25%.

Shipment of 28.1 million major appliances during the first 11 months increased by 1% over a year ago. Microwave ovens lead the advance with a gain of 22%.

# # # # #

MAJOR HOME APPLIANCE FACTORY SHIPMENTS THOUSANDS OF UNITS
(Domestic Plus Export)
November, 1981

	November 1981	November 1980	% Change	Calendar Year to Date 1981	1980	% Change
ALL MAJOR APPLIANCES**	1,853.5	?,236.9*	- 17.1%	28,505.1	28,127.1*	+ 1.3%
ROOM AIR CONDITIONERS	93.6	124.6	- 24.9	3,529.9	3,000.9	+17.6
DEHUMIDIFIERS	2.3	1.1*	+109.1	531.0	666.2*	-20.3
DISHWASHERS - TOTAL	164.8	204.1	- 19.3	2,339.4	2,539.1	- 7.9
Built-In	141.9	173.5	- 18.2	2,069.3	2,184.8	- 5.3
Portable	22.9	30.7	- 25.4	270.1	354.3	-23.8
DISPOSERS	197.2	258.9*	- 23.8	2,971.7	2,737.2*	+ 8.6
COMPACTORS	15.6	19.3*	- 19.2	175.7	213.4*	-17.7
REFRIGERATION - TOTAL	333.2	445.2	- 25.2	6,165.6	6,420.9	- 4.0
Refrigerators	271.7	371.1	- 26.8	4,680.3	4,828.4	- 3.1
Freezers - Total	61.5	74.1	- 17.0	1,485.3	1,592.5	- 6.7
Upright	28.0	34.4	- 18.6	654.8	707.2	- 7.4
Chest	33.5	39.7	- 15.6	830.5	885.2	- 6.2
ELECTRIC RANGES - TOTAL	162.8	208.1	- 21.8	2,173.2	2,345.2	- 7.3
Free Standing	129.8	164.0	- 20.9	1,709.8	1,833.7	- 6.8
Built-In	33.1	44.1	- 24.9	463.4	511.5	- 9.4
MICROWAVE OVENS/RANGES***	416.8	381.8	+ 9.2	3,936.5	3,222.5*	+22.2
HOME LAUNDRY - TOTAL	484.2	615.5	- 21.3	6,907.2	7,185.7	- 3.9
Washers - Total	267.0	331.1	- 19.4	4,118.9	4,247.4	- 3.0
Automatic	262.1	325.8	- 19.6	4,034.7	4,133.6	- 2.4
Wringer & Other	4.9	5.3	- 7.5	84.2	113.8	-26.0
Dryers - Total	217.2	284.4	- 23.6	2,788.3	2,938.2	- 5.1
Electric	169.5	223.5	- 24.2	2,187.3	2,310.2	- 5.3
Gas	47.7	60.9	- 21.7	601.0	628.0	- 4.3

* Revised
** Numbers do not add because of overlapping product categories
*** Includes U.S. produced and imported microwave ovens and combination microwave ovens/ranges

January 21, 1982

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

A 3350-1 A

ASSOCIATION OF HOME APPLIANCE MANUFACTURERS
20 NORTH WACKER DRIVE • CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60606
312-984-5800
FEDERAL RELATIONS: 1901 L STREET, N. W.
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20036; 202-466-3350

AHAM

1/29/82

6.5% INCREASE PROJECTED IN 1982

MAJOR APPLIANCE SHIPMENTS

CHICAGO -- Appliance manufacturers have forecast 1982 shipments of 32.3 million major appliances for an increase of 6.5% over 1981, according to a report released today by the Association of Home Appliance Manufacturers (AHAM).

The 1982 forecast reflects increases in all product classes. The largest increase is projected for microwave ovens with shipments of 4.7 million units, an increase of 425,000 units up over 1981.

1981 shipments of 30.3 million units topped 1980 by .3% according to the report. Microwave oven, room air conditioner and disposer shipments increased over the previous year 20%, 15% and 7%, respectively. Shipments of other products declined.

December shipments declined 14% from a year ago. The only products bucking the downward trend were microwave ovens with shipments of 386,000 units, a fractional increase over 1980.

In releasing the report, AHAM President Guenther Baumgart said high interest rates and a very depressed housing market, coupled with an uncertain economic outlook, were currently depressing industry sales. He pointed out, however, that distributor and retail inventories were low.

"Any increase in consumer purchasing patterns will be quickly reflected in increased factory shipments. Increased income tax rebates, changes in withholding taxes, or improvements in the economic outlook could improve the situation in the appliance industry quickly," he added.

(more)

"There are many evidences that the pent-up demand is there," he said. "With increasing electricity and gas rates, consumers have great incentive to replace older appliances with new more energy efficient ones and they are available now. The appliances consumers bought during peak sales of the 1965-1974 decade are now ready for replacement; product innovations such as convection ovens, computer controls, and induction cooktops provide updating opportunities; the increasing numbers of families with both spouses working require as many labor-saving devices as possible."

# # # #

MAJOR HOME APPLIANCE FACTORY SHIPMENTS THOUSANDS OF UNITS
(Domestic Plus Export)
December, 1981

	December 1981	December 1980	% Change	Calendar Year to Date 1981	1980	% Change	Calendar Quarter 1981	1980	% Change
ALL MAJOR APPLIANCES**	1,830.8	2,132.7*	-14.2%	30,335.6	30,259.9*	+ 0.3%	6,025.6	7,251.8*	-16.9%
ROOM AIR CONDITIONERS	163.4	202.6	-19.3	3,692.5	3,203.5	+15.3	346.4	417.2	-17.0
DEHUMIDIFIERS	5.0	7.1*	-29.6	536.1	673.3*	-20.4	5.2	6.1*	-14.8
DISHWASHERS - TOTAL	144.3	198.5	-27.3	2,483.7	2,737.6	- 9.3	529.0	699.6	-24.4
Built-In	123.4	169.1	-27.0	2,192.7	2,353.9	- 6.8	454.8	595.5	-23.6
Portable	20.9	29.4	-28.9	291.0	383.8	-24.2	74.1	104.0	-28.8
DISPOSERS	205.8	224.6*	- 8.4	3,177.9	2,961.8*	+ 7.3	736.9	824.0*	-10.6
COMPACTORS	15.1	21.8*	-30.7	190.8	235.2*	-18.9	46.7	67.3*	-30.6
REFRIGERATION - TOTAL	339.2	384.1	-11.7	6,504.8	6,805.0	- 4.4	1,144.0	1,471.4	-22.3
Refrigerators	263.6	295.3	-10.7	4,943.8	5,123.7	- 3.5	918.1	1,185.1	-22.5
Freezers - Total	75.6	88.8	-14.9	1,561.0	1,681.3	- 7.2	225.9	286.3	-21.1
Upright	30.2	41.0	-26.3	685.0	748.3	- 8.5	98.8	136.9	-27.8
Chest	45.4	47.8	- 5.0	875.9	933.0	- 6.1	127.1	149.4	-14.9
ELECTRIC RANGES - TOTAL	152.1	185.1	-17.8	2,325.2	2,530.2	- 8.1	506.3	650.4	-22.2
Free Standing	117.5	141.8	-17.1	1,827.2	1,975.5	- 7.5	399.7	513.1	-22.1
Built-In	34.6	43.2	-19.9	498.0	554.7	-10.2	106.6	137.3	-22.4
MICROWAVE OVENS/RANGES***	386.3	385.1	+ 0.3	4,322.7	3,607.7	+19.8	1,233.5	1,220.4	+ 1.1
HOME LAUNDRY - TOTAL	435.4	540.9	-19.5	7,342.6	7,726.6	- 5.0	1,531.9	1,957.4	-21.7
Washers - Total	246.3	302.4	-18.6	4,365.3	4,549.8	- 4.1	865.2	1,101.8	-21.5
Automatic	242.2	292.0	-17.1	4,276.9	4,425.6	- 3.4	850.2	1,077.5	-21.1
Wringer & Other	4.2	10.4	-59.6	88.4	124.2	-28.8	15.0	24.3	-38.3
Dryers - Total	189.1	238.5	-20.7	2,977.3	3,176.8	- 6.3	666.7	855.6	-22.1
Electric	150.0	184.2	-18.6	2,337.3	2,494.4	- 6.3	522.4	666.6	-21.6
Gas	39.1	54.3	-28.0	640.1	682.4	- 6.2	144.3	189.0	-23.7

* Revised
** Numbers do not add because of overlapping product categories
*** Includes U.S. produced and imported microwave ovens and combination microwave ovens/ranges

ASSOCIATION OF HOME APPLIANCE MANUFACTURERS
20 NORTH WACKER DRIVE • CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60606
312-984-5800
FEDERAL RELATIONS: 1901 L STREET, N. W.
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20036; 202-466-3350

TRENDS AND FORECASTS
FACTORY UNIT SHIPMENTS (DOMESTIC + EXPORT) OF MAJOR APPLIANCES*

PRODUCT	1971	1972	1973	1974	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979	1980	1981	1982**
Room Air Conditioners	5,438	4,508	5,346	4,564	2,670	2,961	3,270	4,037	3,749	3,203	3,693	3,750
Dehumidifiers	397	461	646	586	392	444	319	442	685	673	536	554
Dishwashers	2,477	3,199	3,702	3,320	2,702	3,140	3,357	3,557	3,488	2,738	2,484	2,677
Built-In	1,765	2,357	2,721	2,460	1,947	2,337	2,705	2,971	2,984	2,354	2,193	2,386
Portable	712	842	981	860	755	803	651	586	504	384	291	291
Disposers	2,291	2,771	2,974	2,553	2,080	2,516	2,941	3,312	3,317	2,962	3,178	3,187
Compactors	N/A##	202	359	315	233	249	277	300	293	235	191	215
Refrigerators	5,691	6,315	6,774	5,982	4,577	4,817	5,707	5,890	5,701	5,124	4,944	5,338
Freezers	1,436	1,577	2,415	3,219	2,457	1,541	1,598	1,521	1,358	1,681	1,561	1,652
Upright	801	846	1,402	1,892	1,076	710	746	686	858	748	685	733
Chest	635	731	1,013	1,327	1,381	832	853	835	1,001	933	876	919
Electric Ranges	2,714	3,232	3,430	2,925	2,082	2,463	3,011	3,217	3,000	2,530	2,325	2,568
Free-Standing	2,014	2,422	2,624	2,279	1,568	1,762	2,194	2,336	2,244	1,975	1,827	2,017
Built-In	700	810	806	646	514	701	817	881	756	555	498	551
Microwave Oven/Ranges#	N/A##	314	445	713	1,052	1,749	2,157	2,501	2,807	3,608	4,323	4,748
Washers	4,609	5,107	5,504	4,948	4,228	4,492	4,933	5,038	4,965	4,550	4,365	4,689
Automatic	4,270	4,824	5,234	4,713	4,032	4,288	4,739	4,838	4,779	4,426	4,277	4,585
Wringer & Others	339	283	270	235	196	205	194	200	186	124	88	104
Dryers	3,377	3,925	4,256	3,584	2,870	3,173	3,553	3,621	3,551	3,177	2,977	3,206
Electric	2,527	2,989	3,330	2,845	2,198	2,466	2,817	2,865	2,783	2,494	2,337	2,514
Gas	850	936	926	739	672	708	736	757	768	682	640	692
TOTAL SHIPMENTS	28,429	31,610	35,850	32,709	25,344	27,466	30,957	33,215	33,161	30,260	30,336	32,309

* 000 Omitted
** Forecasts as of November 14, 1981
\# Includes U.S. produced and imported microwave ovens and combination microwave oven/ranges
Data not available
NOTE: Figures may not add due to rounding and overlapping product categories

1/19/82 djo

February 17, 1982 FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE A 3350-1

2/24/82

ASSOCIATION OF HOME APPLIANCE MANUFACTURERS
20 NORTH WACKER DRIVE • CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60606
312-984-5800
FEDERAL RELATIONS: 1901 L STREET, N. W.
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20036; 202-466-3350

AHAM

MAJOR APPLIANCE SHIPMENTS DROP DURING JANUARY

CHICAGO -- Factory shipments of major appliances declined 24% in January, compared to a year ago, according to a report released today by the Association of Home Appliance Manufacturers (AHAM).

Shipments of all product classes dropped during the month, ranging from a 2% decline in freezers to a 33% decline in electric ranges.

In releasing the report AHAM noted that January shipments were at the highest level since last October.

# # # # # # #

MAJOR HOME APPLIANCE FACTORY SHIPMENTS THOUSANDS OF UNITS
(Domestic Plus Export)
January, 1982

	January 1982	January 1981	% Change
ALL MAJOR APPLIANCES**	1,946.8	2,557.5*	-23.9%
ROOM AIR CONDITIONERS	191.1	222.5*	-14.1
DEHUMIDIFIERS	16.0	28.5*	-43.9
DISHWASHERS - TOTAL	169.0	241.6	-30.0
Built-In	148.8	207.7	-28.4
Portable	20.2	33.9	-40.4
DISPOSERS	219.6	283.8*	-22.6
COMPACTORS	12.9	15.9*	-18.9
REFRIGERATION - TOTAL	365.6	499.3*	-26.8
Refrigerators	276.5	408.4	-32.3
Freezers - Total	89.1	90.9*	- 2.0
Upright	39.2	39.5	- 0.8
Chest	49.9	51.3*	- 2.7
ELECTRIC RANGES - TOTAL	147.4	220.5*	-33.2
Free Standing	117.4	171.8*	-31.7
Built-In	30.0	48.6*	-38.3
MICROWAVE OVENS/RANGES***	304.1	361.9*	-16.0
HOME LAUNDRY - TOTAL	534.2	704.6	-24.2
Washers - Total	306.5	407.6	-24.8
Automatic	300.6	395.7	-24.0
Wringer & Other	5.9	11.9	-50.4
Dryers - Total	227.8	296.9	-23.3
Electric	179.9	228.0	-21.1
Gas	47.8	68.9	-30.6

* Revised
** Numbers do not add because of overlapping product categories
*** Includes U.S. produced and imported microwave ovens and combination microwave ovens/ranges

A3350-1

March 16, 1982

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

ASSOCIATION OF HOME APPLIANCE MANUFACTURERS
20 NORTH WACKER DRIVE • CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60606
312-984-5800
FEDERAL RELATIONS: 1901 L STREET, N.W.
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20036; 202-466-3350

MAJOR APPLIANCE SHIPMENTS DROP 14% IN FEBRUARY

CHICAGO -- Factory shipments of 2.2 million major appliances dropped 14% in February from the same month last year, the Association of Home Appliance Manufacturers (AHAM) reported today.

Shipments in all product classes declined. Declines range from less than 5% for room air conditioners and automatic clothes washers and dryers to 43% for dehumidifiers.

In releasing the report, AHAM President Guenther Baumgart reported that the February decline was the smallest percentage drop in the past five months.

# # # # # # #

MAJOR HOME APPLIANCE FACTORY SHIPMENTS THOUSANDS OF UNITS
(Domestic Plus Export)
February, 1982

	February 1982	February 1981	% Change	Calendar Year to Date 1982	1981	% Change
ALL MAJOR APPLIANCES**	2,177.4	2,533.5*	-14.1%	4,124.3	5,091.0*	-19.0%
ROOM AIR CONDITIONERS	361.4	366.3*	- 1.3	552.5	588.8*	- 6.2
DEHUMIDIFIERS	35.2	62.2*	-43.4	51.0	90.7*	-43.8
DISHWASHERS - TOTAL	159.6	204.9	-22.1	328.6	446.4	-26.4
Built-In	140.9	177.3	-20.5	289.7	385.0	-24.8
Portable	18.7	27.6	-32.2	38.9	61.5	-36.7
DISPOSERS	214.2	278.7*	-23.1	434.0	562.5*	-22.8
COMPACTORS	11.7	16.8*	-30.4	24.6	32.6*	-24.5
REFRIGERATION - TOTAL	423.1	485.6*	-12.9	788.7	984.9*	-19.9
Refrigerators	324.1	364.3	-11.0	600.6	772.7	-22.3
Freezers - Total	99.0	121.3*	-18.4	188.1	212.2*	-11.4
Upright	38.1	51.9	-26.6	77.3	91.4	-15.4
Chest	60.9	69.5*	-12.4	110.8	120.8*	- 8.3
ELECTRIC RANGES - TOTAL	143.3	199.4*	-28.1	290.7	419.9*	-30.8
Free Standing	112.6	155.0*	-27.4	230.0	326.8*	-29.6
Built-In	30.7	44.4*	-30.9	60.7	93.1*	-34.8
MICROWAVE OVENS/RANGES***	261.8	333.9	-21.6	565.9	695.7	-18.7
HOME LAUNDRY - TOTAL	581.2	609.0	- 4.6	1,115.5	1,313.5	-15.1
Washers - Total	347.0	365.2	- 5.0	653.5	772.9	-15.4
Automatic	341.4	358.2	- 4.7	642.0	753.9	-14.8
Wringer & Other	5.6	7.1	-21.1	11.5	19.0	-39.5
Dryers - Total	234.2	243.7	- 3.9	462.0	540.7	-14.6
Electric	181.8	191.4	- 5.0	361.7	419.4	-13.8
Gas	52.5	52.4	+ 0.2	100.3	121.3	-17.3

* Revised
** Numbers do not add because of overlapping product categories
*** Includes U.S. produced and imported microwave ovens and combination microwave ovens/ranges

April 21, 1982

A3350-1 4/29/82

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

ASSOCIATION OF HOME APPLIANCE MANUFACTURERS
20 NORTH WACKER DRIVE • CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60606
312-984-5800
FEDERAL RELATIONS: 1901 L STREET, N. W.
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20036; 202-466-3350

MARCH MAJOR APPLIANCE SHIPMENTS

DOWN 11%

CHICAGO -- A total of 2,649,600 major appliances were shipped from the factory in March, down 11.4% from the same month last year, reports the Association of Home Appliance Manufacturers (AHAM).

Shipments declined in all product classes except for dehumidifiers (up 4.0%) and microwave ovens (up 1.6%). The declines for the third month ranged from clothes dryers (down 2.8%) to automatic dishwashers (down 33.7%).

First quarter shipments for the year were down 15.8%, compared to 1981, with decreases in all product classes.

In releasing the report, AHAM noted that March shipments were at the highest level since last July.

# # # # #

MAJOR HOME APPLIANCE FACTORY SHIPMENTS THOUSANDS OF UNITS
(Domestic Plus Export)
March, 1982

	March 1982	March 1981	% Change	Calendar Year to Date 1982	1981	% Change
ALL MAJOR APPLIANCES**	2,649.6	2,991.3*	-11.4%	6,828.3	8,113.1*	-15.8%
ROOM AIR CONDITIONERS	571.6	619.9*	- 7.8	1,124.1	1,208.7*	- 7.0
DEHUMIDIFIERS	94.1	90.5*	+ 4.0	145.1	181.1*	-19.9
DISHWASHERS - TOTAL	151.4	228.4	-33.7	480.1	674.9	-28.9
Built-In	135.6	201.5	-32.7	425.3	586.4	-27.5
Portable	15.9	27.0	-41.1	54.8	88.5	-38.1
DISPOSERS	272.5	319.0*	-14.6	707.0	881.5*	-19.8
COMPACTORS	14.0	15.9*	-11.9	38.7	48.5*	-20.2
REFRIGERATION - TOTAL	459.9	573.9*	-19.9	1,254.8	1,572.9*	-20.2
Refrigerators	343.3	424.4*	-19.1	944.0	1,197.1*	-21.1
Freezers - Total	116.6	149.5*	-22.0	310.8	375.8*	-17.3
Upright	58.4	72.8*	-19.8	140.5	171.0*	-17.8
Chest	58.2	76.7*	-24.1	170.3	204.9*	-16.9
ELECTRIC RANGES - TOTAL	161.2	198.6*	-18.8	451.9	618.5*	-26.9
Free Standing	128.3	155.1*	-17.3	358.3	481.9*	-25.6
Built-In	32.8	43.5*	-24.6	93.6	136.5*	-31.4
MICROWAVE OVENS/RANGES***	304.6	299.8*	+ 1.6	918.3	1,012.2*	- 9.3
HOME LAUNDRY - TOTAL	635.8	667.6	- 4.8	1,751.2	1,981.2	-11.6
Washers - Total	383.0	407.5	- 6.0	1,036.5	1,180.4	-12.2
Automatic	376.2	399.5	- 5.8	1,018.2	1,153.3	-11.7
Wringer & Other	6.7	8.0	-16.3	18.3	27.0	-32.2
Dryers - Total	252.8	260.1	- 2.8	714.8	800.8	-10.7
Electric	198.6	206.1	- 3.6	560.3	625.5	-10.4
Gas	54.2	54.0	+ 0.4	154.5	175.3	-11.9

* Revised
** Numbers do not add because of overlapping product categories
*** Includes U.S. produced and imported microwave ovens and combination microwave ovens/ranges

A3350-1 5/21/82

May 18, 1982

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

ASSOCIATION OF HOME APPLIANCE MANUFACTURERS
20 NORTH WACKER DRIVE • CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60606
312-984-5800
FEDERAL RELATIONS: 1901 L STREET, N. W.
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20036; 202-466-3350

MAJOR APPLIANCE SHIPMENTS

DECLINE IN APRIL

CHICAGO -- Factory shipments of 2,452,000 major appliances in April declined 18.6% from a year ago, according to a report released today by the Association of Home Appliance Manufacturers (AHAM).

In releasing the report AHAM President Robert Holding noted that finished goods inventories are generally at a level appropriate for the current business climate. Consequently, any improvement in the economy should quickly reflect in a higher level of business activity by the industry, he said.

# # # # #

MAJOR HOME APPLIANCE FACTORY SHIPMENTS THOUSANDS OF UNITS
(Domestic Plus Export)
April, 1982

	April 1982	April 1981	% Change	Calendar Year to Date 1982	1981	% Change
ALL MAJOR APPLIANCES**	2,451.6	3,013.5*	-18.6%	9,272.2	11,126.6*	-16.7%
ROOM AIR CONDITIONERS	517.0	607.7*	-14.9	1,641.2	1,816.4*	- 9.6
DEHUMIDIFIERS	54.9	95.5*	-42.5	201.9	276.6*	-27.0
DISHWASHERS - TOTAL	200.5	240.2	-16.5	680.5	915.1	-25.6
Built-In	179.0	212.5	-15.8	604.2	798.9	-24.4
Portable	21.5	27.7	-22.4	76.3	116.2	-34.3
DISPOSERS	175.1	310.9*	-43.7	872.6	1,192.4*	-26.8
COMPACTORS	11.1	15.3*	-27.5	49.7	63.7*	-22.0
REFRIGERATION - TOTAL	486.1	592.7*	-18.0	1,740.9	2,165.6*	-19.6
Refrigerators	378.9	440.1	-13.9	1,322.9	1,637.2	-19.2
Freezers - Total	107.2	152.6*	-29.8	418.0	528.4*	-20.9
Upright	49.5	67.4*	-26.6	190.1	238.3*	-20.2
Chest	57.7	85.2*	-32.3	228.0	290.1*	-21.4
ELECTRIC RANGES - TOTAL	169.1	221.6*	-23.7	621.0	840.0*	-26.1
Free Standing	134.5	171.2*	-21.4	492.8	653.1*	-24.5
Built-In	34.7	50.4*	-31.2	128.3	186.9*	-31.4
MICROWAVE OVENS/RANGES***	294.9	340.4*	-13.4	1,213.1	1,352.6*	-10.3
HOME LAUNDRY - TOTAL	558.5	612.8	- 8.9	2,309.7	2,594.0	-11.0
Washers - Total	344.9	368.1	- 6.3	1,381.4	1,548.5	-10.8
Automatic	339.2	361.5	- 6.2	1,357.4	1,514.8	-10.4
Wringer & Other	5.7	6.7	-14.9	24.0	33.7	-28.8
Dryers - Total	213.6	244.7	-12.7	928.4	1,045.5	-11.2
Electric	169.8	191.6	-11.4	730.1	817.1	-10.6
Gas	43.8	53.1	-17.5	198.3	228.4	-13.2

* Revised
** Numbers do not add because of overlapping product categories
*** Includes U.S. produced and imported microwave ovens and combination microwave ovens/ranges

A3350-1 6/21/82

June 16, 1982

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

ASSOCIATION OF HOME APPLIANCE MANUFACTURERS
20 NORTH WACKER DRIVE • CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60606
312-984-5800
FEDERAL RELATIONS: 1901 L STREET, N. W.
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20036; 202-466-3350

15% DECLINE REPORTED FOR MAY APPLIANCE SHIPMENTS

CHICAGO -- The 2,232,400 major home appliances shipped by manufacturers in May were 15.5% behind shipments for the same month last year, the Association of Home Appliance Manufacturers (AHAM) reported today.

Total shipments of the first five months were 11,534,500, a 16.2% decline from a year ago.

# # # # # #

MAJOR HOME APPLIANCE FACTORY SHIPMENTS THOUSANDS OF UNITS
(Domestic Plus Export)
May, 1982

	May 1982	May 1981	% Change	Calendar Year to Date 1982	1981	% Change
ALL MAJOR APPLIANCES**	2,232.4	2,642.6*	-15.5%	11,534.5	13,769.2*	-16.2%
ROOM AIR CONDITIONERS	418.8	477.2	-12.2	2,060.0	2,293.6*	-10.2
DEHUMIDIFIERS	88.1	72.5*	+21.5	290.0	349.1*	-16.9
DISHWASHERS - TOTAL	169.1	191.8	-11.8	849.8	1,106.9	-23.2
Built-In	154.9	173.2	-10.6	759.1	972.1	-21.9
Portable	14.2	18.6	-23.7	90.7	134.8	-32.7
DISPOSERS	200.3	253.7*	-21.0	1,098.9	1,446.1*	-24.0
COMPACTORS	11.4	16.7*	-31.7	61.1	80.5*	-24.1
REFRIGERATION - TOTAL	471.1	575.0*	-18.1	2,214.1	2,740.5*	-19.2
Refrigerators	358.7	428.5	-16.3	1,683.7	2,065.7	-18.5
Freezers - Total	112.4	146.5*	-23.3	530.4	674.9*	-21.4
Upright	46.7	66.3*	-29.6	236.8	304.7*	-22.3
Chest	65.7	80.1*	-18.0	293.7	370.2*	-20.7
ELECTRIC RANGES - TOTAL	150.2	193.5*	-22.4	772.6	1,033.5*	-25.2
Free Standing	119.5	151.5*	-21.1	613.5	804.6*	-23.8
Built-In	30.7	42.0*	-26.9	159.2	228.9*	-30.4
MICROWAVE OVENS/RANGES***	221.0	296.0*	-25.3	1,434.1	1,648.5*	-13.0
HOME LAUNDRY - TOTAL	516.4	586.7*	-12.0	2,826.1	3,180.6*	-11.1
Washers - Total	321.6	359.3*	-10.5	1,703.0	1,907.7*	-10.7
Automatic	317.3	351.9*	- 9.8	1,674.7	1,866.7*	-10.3
Wringer & Other	4.3	7.3	-41.1	28.3	41.0	-31.0
Dryers - Total	194.8	227.4*	-14.3	1,123.1	1,272.9*	-11.8
Electric	155.2	179.8*	-13.7	885.3	996.9*	-11.2
Gas	39.6	47.6*	-16.8	237.8	276.0*	-13.8

* Revised
** Numbers do not add because of overlapping product categories
*** Includes U.S. produced and imported microwave ovens and combination microwave ovens/ranges

A3350-1 7/22/82

July 20, 1982

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

ASSOCIATION OF HOME APPLIANCE MANUFACTURERS
20 NORTH WACKER DRIVE • CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60606
312-984-5800
FEDERAL RELATIONS: 1901 L STREET, N. W.
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20036; 202-466-3350

AHAM

MANUFACTURER MAJOR APPLIANCE SHIPMENTS OFF 18% FOR FIRST SIX MONTHS, DOWN 25% FOR JUNE

CHICAGO -- Manufacturers' shipments of major appliances for the first six months of this year were 13,869,000, down 18.1% from the first half of 1981, according to a report issued by the Association of Home Appliance Manufacturers (AHAM).

Shipments during the month of June were 25.8% lower than June of 1981. AHAM noted, however, that June, 1981 shipments were the third highest in the history of the industry. The Association also pointed out that June shipments were 4.9% higher than May, 1982 shipments of 2,232,400 units.

Total major appliance shipments are forecast at 28,694,000 units for 1982 and 30,619,000 units for 1983.

# # # # # # # # # # # #

MAJOR HOME APPLIANCE FACTORY SHIPMENTS THOUSANDS OF UNITS
(Domestic Plus Export)
June, 1982

	June 1982	June 1981	% Change	Calendar Year to Date 1982	1981	% Change	Calendar Quarter 1982	1981	% Change
ALL MAJOR APPLIANCES**	2,340.8	3,156.5*	-25.8%	13,868.9	16,925.8*	-18.1%	7,044.6	8,812.7*	-20.1%
ROOM AIR CONDITIONERS	289.2	653.1	-55.7	2,349.2	?,946.7	-20.3	1,225.1	1,738.0*	-29.5
DEHUMIDFIERS	51.7	95.9*	-46.1	343.5	445.0*	-22.8	196.5	263.8*	-25.5
DISHWASHERS - TOTAL	160.4	220.1	-27.1	1,010.3	1,327.0	-23.9	530.0	652.1	-18.7
Built-In	148.2	198.5	-25.3	907.3	1,170.6	-22.5	482.0	584.1	-17.5
Portable	12.3	21.6	-43.1	103.0	156.4	-34.1	48.0	68.0	-29.4
DISPOSERS	207.3	230.3*	-10.0	1,298.1	1,676.5*	-22.6	600.6	794.9*	-24.4
COMPACTORS	15.1	16.2*	- 6.8	76.2	96.7*	-21.2	37.5	48.2*	-22.2
REFRIGERATION - TOTAL	598.3	757.8*	-21.0	2,812.4	3,498.3*	-19.6	1,555.5	1,925.4*	-19.2
Refrigerators	437.3	542.4	-19.4	2,121.0	2,608.1	-18.7	1,174.9	1,411.0	-16.7
Freezers - Total	161.1	215.3*	-25.2	691.4	890.2*	-22.3	380.6	514.4*	-26.0
Upright	71.9	93.6*	-23.2	308.6	398.3*	-22.5	168.1	227.3*	-26.0
Chest	89.1	121.8*	-26.8	382.8	492.0*	-22.2	212.5	287.1*	-26.0
ELECTRIC RANGES - TOTAL	174.6	219.8*	-20.6	947.3	1,253.3*	-24.4	494.0	634.9*	-22.2
Free Standing	141.3	170.1*	-16.9	754.8	974.7*	-22.6	395.3	492.8*	-19.8
Built-In	33.3	49.7*	-33.0	192.5	278.6*	-30.9	98.7	142.1*	-30.5
MICROWAVE OVENS/RANGES***	293.0	334.2*	-12.3	1,727.2	1,982.7*	-12.9	808.9	970.6*	-16.7
HOME LAUNDRY - TOTAL	565.4	648.6	-12.8	3,391.5	3,829.3	-11.4	1,640.3	1,848.1*	-11.2
Washers - Total	351.5	401.8	-12.5	2,054.5	2,309.5	-11.0	1,018.0	1,129.1*	- 9.8
Automatic	345.8	394.0	-12.2	2,020.6	2,260.7	-10.6	1,002.3	1,107.4*	- 9.5
Wringer & Other	5.6	7.8	-28.2	33.9	48.8	-30.5	15.7	21.8	-28.0
Dryers - Total	213.9	246.9	-13.4	1,337.0	1,519.8	-12.0	622.3	719.0*	-13.4
Electric	167.8	196.7	-14.7	1,053.0	1,193.5	-11.8	492.8	568.1*	-13.3
Gas	46.1	50.2	- 8.2	284.0	326.2	-12.9	129.5	150.9*	-14.2

* Revised
** Numbers do not add because of overlapping product categories
*** Includes U.S. produced and imported microwave ovens and combination microwave ovens/ranges

ASSOCIATION OF HOME APPLIANCE MANUFACTURERS
20 NORTH WACKER DRIVE • CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60606
312-984-5800
FEDERAL RELATIONS: 1901 L STREET, N. W.
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20036; 202-466-3350

AHAM

TRENDS AND FORECASTS
FACTORY UNIT SHIPMENTS (DOMESTIC + EXPORT) OF MAJOR APPLIANCES*

PRODUCT	1972	1973	1974	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979	1980	1981	1982**	1983**
Room Air Conditioners	4,508	5,346	4,564	2,670	2,961	3,270	4,037	3,749	3,203	3,693	3,510	3,700
Dehumidifiers	461	646	586	392	444	319	442	685	673	536	554	600
Dishwashers	3,199	3,702	3,320	2,702	3,140	3,357	3,557	3,488	2,738	2,484	2,169	2,416
Built-In	2,357	2,721	2,460	1,947	2,337	2,705	2,971	2,984	2,354	2,193	1,930	2,186
Portable	842	981	860	755	803	651	586	504	384	291	239	230
Disposers	2,771	2,974	2,553	2,080	2,516	2,941	3,312	3,317	2,962	3,179	2,845	3,050
Compactors	202	359	315	233	249	277	300	293	235	191	167	197
Refrigerators	6,315	6,774	5,982	4,577	4,817	5,707	5,890	5,701	5,124	4,944	4,694	5,020
Freezers	1,577	2,415	3,219	2,457	1,541	1,598	1,521	1,941	1,751	1,605	1,423	1,504
Upright	846	1,402	1,892	1,076	710	746	686	902	789	717	638	669
Chest	731	1,013	1,327	1,381	832	853	835	1,039	963	889	785	835
Electric Ranges	3,232	3,430	2,925	2,082	2,463	3,011	3,217	3,000	2,530	2,328	2,018	2,330
Free-Standing	2,422	2,624	2,279	1,568	1,762	2,194	2,336	2,244	1,975	1,829	1,588	1,830
Built-In	810	806	646	514	701	817	881	756	555	498	430	500
Microwave Oven/Ranges#	314	445	713	1,052	1,749	2,157	2,501	2,807	3,608	4,422	4,440	4,699
Washers	5,107	5,504	4,948	4,228	4,492	4,933	5,038	4,965	4,550	4,365	4,248	4,350
Automatic	4,824	5,234	4,713	4,032	4,288	4,739	4,838	4,779	4,426	4,277	4,170	4,277
Wringer & Other	283	270	235	196	205	194	200	186	124	88	78	73
Dryers	3,925	4,256	3,584	2,870	3,173	3,553	3,621	3,551	3,177	2,977	2,856	3,003
Electric	2,989	3,330	2,845	2,198	2,466	2,817	2,865	2,783	2,494	2,337	2,250	2,352
Gas	936	926	739	672	708	736	757	768	682	640	606	651
TOTAL SHIPMENTS	31,610	35,850	32,709	25,344	27,466	30,957	33,215	33,244	30,330	30,482	28,694	30,619

* 000 Omitted
** Forecasts as of May 21, 1982
\# Includes U.S. produced and imported microwave ovens and combination microwave oven/ranges
NOTE: Figures may not add due to rounding and overlapping product categories

7/6/82

3

13350-1 4/9/82

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

August 17, 1982

ASSOCIATION OF HOME APPLIANCE MANUFACTURERS
20 NORTH WACKER DRIVE • CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60606
312-984-5800
GOVERNMENT RELATIONS: 1901 L STREET, N. W.
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20036; 202-466-3350

MAJOR HOME APPLIANCE SHIPMENTS DOWN IN JULY

CHICAGO -- July factory shipments of major home appliances totaled 2.2 million units. A decrease of 18.7% from the July 1981 level, reports the Association of Home Appliance Manufacturers (AHAM). However, microwave oven shipments were the second highest for July in history, exceeded only by last year.

Shipments were down in all product categories, with the smallest decreases in dishwashers, down 1.8% and microwave ovens, down 9.8%.

# # # # # # # # # # #

MAJOR HOME APPLIANCE FACTORY SHIPMENTS THOUSANDS OF UNITS
(Domestic Plus Export)
July, 1982

	July 1982	July 1981	% Change	Calendar Year to Date 1982	1981	% Change
ALL MAJOR APPLIANCES**	2,196.4	2,703.0*	-18.7%	16,061.1	19,628.7*	-18.2%
ROOM AIR CONDITIONERS	144.7	283.4	-48.9	2,493.9	3,230.0	-22.8
DEHUMIDIFIERS	45.9	67.6*	-32.1	389.4	512.6*	-24.0
DISHWASHERS - TOTAL	186.7	190.1	- 1.8	1,196.9	1,517.1	-21.1
Built-In	171.3	170.5	+ 0.5	1,078.6	1,341.0	-19.6
Portable	15.4	19.7	-21.8	118.3	176.1	-32.8
DISPOSERS	198.6	238.1*	-16.6	1,495.8	1,914.6*	-21.9
COMPACTORS	10.0	17.4*	-42.5	86.2	114.1*	-24.5
REFRIGERATION - TOTAL	607.7	740.7*	-18.0	3,420.0	4,239.0*	-19.3
Refrigerators	456.4	511.4	-10.8	2,577.4	3,119.5	-17.4
Freezers - Total	151.3	229.2*	-34.0	842.6	1,119.5*	-24.7
Upright	67.9	94.0*	-27.8	376.4	492.2*	-23.5
Chest	83.4	135.3*	-38.4	466.2	627.2*	-25.7
ELECTRIC RANGES - TOTAL	166.4	198.7*	-16.3	1,113.2	1,452.1*	-23.3
Free Standing	130.6	159.2*	-18.0	885.4	1,133.9*	-21.9
Built-In	35.8	39.5*	- 9.4	227.8	318.2*	-28.4
MICROWAVE OVENS/RANGES***	331.2	367.1*	- 9.8	2,055.2	2,349.9*	-12.5
HOME LAUNDRY - TOTAL	519.5	619.4	-16.1	3,911.0	4,448.6	-12.1
Washers - Total	323.2	376.1	-14.1	2,377.7	2,685.6	-11.5
Automatic	318.4	369.0	-13.7	2,339.0	2,629.7	-11.1
Wringer & Other	4.8	7.1	-32.4	38.7	55.9	-30.8
Dryers - Total	196.3	243.3	-19.3	1,533.4	1,763.0	-13.0
Electric	154.5	193.2	-20.0	1,207.6	1,386.8	-12.9
Gas	41.8	50.0	-16.4	325.8	376.3	-13.4

* Revised
** Numbers do not add because of overlapping product categories
*** Includes U.S. produced and imported microwave ovens and combination microwave ovens/ranges

A3350-1

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

September 20, 1982

ASSOCIATION OF HOME APPLIANCE MANUFACTURERS
20 NORTH WACKER DRIVE • CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60606
312-984-5800
GOVERNMENT RELATIONS: 1901 L STREET, N. W.
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20036; 202-466-3350

AHAM

DECLINE IN MAJOR HOME APPLIANCE SHIPMENTS NARROWS IN AUGUST

CHICAGO -- The decline in major appliance shipments experienced thus far this year may be slowing down according to a report released today by the Association of Home Appliance Manufacturers (AHAM). The 2.25 million major appliances shipped in August were 7.8% behind August 1981--a 191,000 unit difference. Shipments in prior months of 1982 differed from 1981 shipments by as much as 300,000 units in February to 800,000 units in June.

Refrigeration products were off only 2.3% from August of last year with freezers showing a gain of 3.2%. Microwave ovens and clothes dryers were also down less than 5%.

Appliance shipments for the year-to-date, however, are still off 17%.

# # # #

MAJOR HOME APPLIANCE FACTORY SHIPMENTS THOUSANDS OF UNITS
(Domestic Plus Export)
August, 1982

	August 1982	August 1981	% Change	Calendar Year to Date 1982	1981	% Change
ALL MAJOR APPLIANCES**	2,256.8	2,448.2*	- 7.8%	18,318.8	22,076.9*	-17.0%
ROOM AIR CONDITIONERS	61.1	64.3	- 5.0	2,555.1	3,294.3	-22.4
DEHUMIDIFIERS	28.0	15.7*	+78.3	417.5	528.3*	-21.0
DISHWASHERS - TOTAL	203.4	236.0	-13.8	1,400.7	1,753.1	-20.1
Built-In	187.6	214.2	-12.4	1,266.2	1,555.2	-18.6
Portable	15.8	21.8	-27.5	134.5	197.9	-32.0
DISPOSERS	219.4	290.5*	-24.5	1,714.5	2,205.1*	-22.2
COMPACTORS	10.8	14.1*	-23.4	96.9	128.3*	-24.5
REFRIGERATION - TOTAL	588.4	602.1*	- 2.3	4,008.4	4,841.1*	-17.2
Refrigerators	431.9	450.5	- 4.1	3,009.3	3,570.0	-15.7
Freezers - Total	156.5	151.6*	+ 3.2	999.1	1,271.1*	-21.4
Upright	67.7	75.6*	-10.4	444.2	567.8*	-21.8
Chest	88.7	76.0*	+16.7	554.9	703.3*	-21.1
ELECTRIC RANGES - TOTAL	170.2	190.0*	-10.4	1,284.3	1,642.1*	-21.8
Free Standing	136.2	152.7	-10.8	1,022.4	1,286.6*	-20.5
Built-In	34.0	37.4*	- 9.1	261.9	355.5*	-26.3
MICROWAVE OVENS/RANGES***	382.6	401.9*	- 4.8	2,437.8	2,751.8*	-11.4
HOME LAUNDRY - TOTAL	607.1	653.0	- 7.0	4,518.6	5,101.7	-11.4
Washers - Total	363.5	398.5	- 8.8	2,741.2	3,084.2	-11.1
Automatic	358.0	391.2	- 8.5	2,697.0	3,021.0	-10.7
Wringer & Other	5.5	7.3	-24.7	44.2	63.2	-30.1
Dryers - Total	243.6	254.5	- 4.3	1,777.4	2,017.5	-11.9
Electric	191.3	199.5	- 4.1	1,399.3	1,586.3	-11.8
Gas	52.3	54.9	- 4.7	378.1	431.2	-12.3

* Revised
** Numbers do not add because of overlapping product categories
*** Includes U.S. produced and imported microwave ovens and combination microwave ovens/ranges

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

October 19, 1982

ASSOCIATION OF HOME APPLIANCE MANUFACTURERS
20 NORTH WACKER DRIVE • CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60606
312-984-5800
GOVERNMENT RELATIONS: 1901 L STREET, N. W.
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20036; 202-466-3350

AHAM

SEPTEMBER MAJOR APPLIANCE SHIPMENTS DOWN 11%

CHICAGO -- September major appliance shipments of 2.1 million units were 11.4% behind last year with the third quarter performance off 12.9%, reports the Association of Home Appliance Manufacturers (AHAM).

Declines for the month and the quarter are not as great as the cumulative record for the year which is 16.5% off, notes Paul Roman, AHAM's vice president marketing.

Upright freezer shipments were 23.4% ahead of September last year. Most other product categories continued behind previous years' figures, however.

Although microwave oven shipments are down 6.7% this year, the 2.8 million units shipped during the first nine months still exceed shipments of electric and gas ranges. This trend emerged in 1981 when 4.4 million microwave ovens were shipped, compared to 3.8 million gas and electric ranges.

# # # # #

MAJOR HOME APPLIANCE FACTORY SHIPMENTS THOUSANDS OF UNITS
(Domestic Plus Export)
September, 1982

	September 1982	September 1981	% Change	Calendar Year to Date 1982	1981	% Change	Calendar Quarter 1982	1981	% Change
ALL MAJOR APPLIANCES**	2,096.9	2,367.8*	-11.4%	20,413.8	24,444.8*	-16.5%	6,547.5	7,519.0*	-12.9
ROOM AIR CONDITIONERS	16.8	51.9	-67.6	2,571.9	3,346.2	-23.1	222.6	399.5	-44.3
DEHUMIDIFIERS	8.0	2.6*	+207.7	425.2	530.9*	-19.9	81.7	85.9*	- 4.9
DISHWASHERS - TOTAL	167.1	201.6	-17.1	1,567.8	1,954.7	-19.8	557.2	627.8	-11.2
Built-In	152.6	182.7	-16.5	1,418.8	1,737.9	-18.4	511.5	567.3	- 9.8
Portable	14.5	18.9	-23.3	149.0	216.8	-31.3	45.7	60.4	-24.3
DISPOSERS	240.7	236.0*	+ 2.0	1,953.6	2,441.0*	-20.0	656.4	764.6*	-14.2
COMPACTORS	10.4	15.8*	-34.2	107.3	144.1*	-25.5	31.1	47.4*	-34.4
REFRIGERATION - TOTAL	489.4	563.7*	-13.2	4,497.8	5,404.8*	-16.8	1,685.5	1,906.5*	-11.6
Refrigerators	380.7	455.7	-16.5	3,390.1	4,025.7	-15.8	1,269.0	1,417.6	-10.5
Freezers - Total	108.7	108.0*	+ 0.6	1,107.8	1,379.1*	-19.7	416.5	488.9*	-14.8
Upright	58.1	47.1*	+23.4	502.3	614.9*	-18.3	193.8	216.6*	-10.5
Chest	50.6	60.9*	-16.9	605.4	764.2*	-20.8	222.7	272.3*	-18.2
ELECTRIC RANGES -TOTAL	168.1	176.9*	- 5.0	1,452.4	1,818.9*	-20.1	504.8	565.6*	-10.7
Free Standing	138.0	140.9	- 2.1	1,160.4	1,427.5	-18.7	404.7	452.8*	-10.6
Built-In	30.1	35.9*	-16.2	292.0	391.4*	-25.4	100.0	112.8*	-11.3
MICROWAVE OVENS/RANGES***	403.7	428.3*	- 5.7	2,841.4	3,180.1*	-10.7	1,117.5	1,197.3*	- 6.7
HOME LAUNDRY - TOTAL	605.5	709.0	-14.6	5,124.1	5,810.7	-11.8	1,732.2	1,981.4	-12.6
Washers - Total	360.4	415.9	-13.3	3,101.6	3,500.1	-11.4	1,047.1	1,190.5	-12.0
Automatic	355.8	405.7	-12.3	3,052.9	3,426.6	-10.9	1,032.3	1,165.9	-11.5
Wringer & Other	4.5	10.2	-55.9	48.7	73.4	-33.7	14.8	24.6	-39.8
Dryers - Total	245.1	293.1	-16.4	2,022.5	2,310.6	-12.5	685.1	790.9	-13.4
Electric	190.1	228.6	-16.8	1,589.4	1,814.8	-12.4	536.0	621.3	-13.7
Gas	55.0	64.6	-14.9	433.1	495.8	-12.6	149.1	169.5	-12.0

* Revised
** Numbers do not add because of overlapping product categories
*** Includes U.S. produced and imported microwave ovens and combination microwave ovens/ranges